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FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM MEXICO DTD 05 MAY 1976 QUOTE

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY ALEJO REPEATS STANDARD GOM POSITION ON OPEC

1. TOWARD END OF LONG AND DETAILED MAY 4 INTERVIEW ON MEXICO PETROLEUM POLICY WITH FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS, SECRETARY OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY WAS ASKED QUESTION ABOUT GOM POLICY WITH RESPECT TO OPEC. (MEXICO CITY PRESS CARRIED TEXT OF INTERVIEW, CONSTITUTING TWO AND ONE HALF FULL PAGES).

2. QUESTION FROM MR. JOSE LUIS ALCAZAR OF INTERPRESS SERVICE "MR. MINISTER WOULD YOU, AFTER THE OPTIMISTIC PANORAMA THAT YOU HAVE PRESENTED OF MEXICAN PETROLEUM POLICY, SAY SOMETHING TO US WITH RESPECT TO THE POLICY OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IN 1976 WITH RESPECT TO OPEC? MEXICO IS OR IS NOT TO JOIN OPEC?"

3. REPLY. BEGIN TEXT. THIS MATTER KEEPS COMING AROUND IN A CIRCLE. THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH GOSSIP IN THE PRESS WITH REGARD TO THIS SUBJECT. IN ORDER TO PUT IT VERY CLEARLY, I WOULD TELL YOU THAT ALL THIS FUSS IN THE PRESS FOR SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO YEARS WITH REGARD TO OPEC CAUSES US A LITTLE AMAZEMENT.

WE HAD NEVER EVEN THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF ENTERING INTO A
RELATION WITH OPEC, BECAUSE WE HAD BEEN CHANGED AT A CERTAIN
MOMENT INTO PETROLEUM IMPOERTERS. BUT WHAN HAPPENS? AT THE END
OF 1973 SUDDENLY, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS,
MEXICO TURNS UP DISCOVERING SOME FABULOUS DEPOSITS, OF WHOSE
EXISTENCE WE KNEW FOR A LONG TIME BUT WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO
EXPLORE IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL FOR LACK OF NEEDED INVESTMENT
RESOURCES. THEN, EVERYONE BEGINS TO SPECULATE IF WE ARE OR
ARE NOT GOING TO ENTER OPEC, MEXICO BEING ONE OF THE CHAMPIONS
OF THE FIGHT IN BEHALF OF RAW MATERIALS, MEXICO BEING THE COUNTRY
FROM WHICH EMERGED THE CHARTER FOR ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES
OF STATES, BEING OURSELVES PROMOTORS OF VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR
COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES PRODUCING RAW MATERIALS. THEN
THERE WAS A MOVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS THAT TRIED TO
CREATE TROUBLE, THINKING THAT MEXICO AT SOME MOMENT WAS GOING
TO BREAK THE FRONT OF PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS OF PETROLEUM, AND
ANOTHER MOVEMENT THAT TRIED TO DISPARAGE MEXICO, MAKING ONE
BELIEVE THAT MEXICO DID NOT DARE TO ENTER OPEC AND THAT THERE
WAS A CONTRADICTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY OF MEXICO.
NONE OF THAT, SIRS. IT IS NEITHER ONE NOR THE OTHER.
SINCE THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE HAD OCCASION TO SET FORTH WITH
ALL CLARITY --WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC DID DURING
HIS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST -- WHICH HAS BEEN DONE ON REPEATED
OCCASIONS --THAT WE ARE SOIDLY WITH OPEC, WE ARE SOLIDLY WITH
THE POLICIES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PRODUCING AND EXPORTING
PETROLEUM COUNTRIES, AND THAT IF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE
OPEC ORGANIZATION, CONSIDER IT SUITABLE FOR THEM THAT MEXICO
ENTER, WE ACCEPT IMMEDIATELY. THAT IS THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF
MEXICO IN THIS REGARD. WE HAVE NOT ASKED TO ENTER OPEC, NOR ARE
WE GOING TO ASK. BUT IF THEY INVITE US, WE ACCEPT, AND IF THE
MEMBER COUNTREIS OF THE ORGANIZATION INVITE US AT SOME MOMENT,
IT WILL BE BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER IT SUEFUL. THEN, IF WE CAN
LEND THEM SOME SERVICE, BEING WITHIN OPEC, WE WILL DO IT WITH
MUCH PLEASURE. THAT HAS BEEN THE POLICY LINE THAT PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA HAS SET OUT AND IT IS EXACTLY THAT POLICY LINE THAT
HAS BEEN FOLLOWED. MEXICO MAINTAINS VERY CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE
BILATERAL RELATIONS -- NOW ALWAYS CLOSER -- WITH EACH ONE OF THE
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT IS AT THIS INSTANT
EXACTLY THAT WE FIND HERE IN MEXICO AND WITHIN A FEW
MOMENTS WE ARE GOING TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO VISIT THE
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INSTALLATIONS OF THE MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM --
THE CHANCELLOR OF IRAQ WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT PRODUCING AND EXPORTING PETROLEUM COUNTRIES.
THAT IS THE GENERAL LINE IN THIS RESPECT "END TEXT".

4. COMMENTS: DESPITE REPORTED STORY IN NEW YORK TIMES
ABOUT CHANGES IN GOM POLICY, WE SEE NO REASON NOT TO TAKE
SECRETARY ALEJO'S COMMENTS EXACTLY AS GIVEN, NAMELY THAT

GOM POLICY TOWARD OPEC MEMBERSHIP REMAINS UNCHANGED. JOVA UNQTE
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